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Elba mayor and city council members accept oath of office

In an organization meeting held Monday morning, Nov. 3, the new administration for the City of Elba, several appointments were made.

After taking the oath of office, Mayor Tim Johnson he looks forward to leading the city and working with his city council. He also thanked outgoing mayor Tom Maddox and his wife, Alice, for their service to the city over the past five years.

He thanked Jane Brunson and Bryan Grimes, outgoing city council members, also for their service.

"Today we will be making decisions in our council meeting that will have to do with the government of this city for the next four years," Johnson said. "We believe

Elba deserves the best and will have the best.

He encouraged citizens to let their leadership hear from them so they can better serve the community.

Some crucial appointments made during Monday's organizational meeting included

Mayor Pro Tem – Gappa Wise

Elba Police Chief – Shayne Arnett

Elba Fire Chief – Drew Parker

City Attorney – Bart Boothe

Municipal Court Judge – John Richard Hollingsworth Jr.

City Prosecutor – Coffee County District Attorney's Office

Water and Electric Board

members – Tim Hudson, term expires Oct. 31, 2028; Christy Laramore, term expires Oct. 31, 2027; and Johnathan Lockett, term expires Oct. 31, 2026

Elba Representative on the Southeast Gas District Board – Gappa Wise

Elba Council Representative to the Planning and Zoning Board – A R Williams

Signatories for Checks – Tim Johnson, Christy Laramore, and Gappa Wise

Elba Official Depositories – Troy Bank and Trust and Wells Fargo

The first regular meeting for the Elba City Council will be Monday, Nov. 10, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall. All meetings are open to the public.



During an organizational meeting held Monday morning, Nov. 3, at Elba City Hall, Tim Johnson, left, accepted the oath of office to be Elba's Mayor for the next four years. The oath was administered by Coffee County District Judge Josh Wilson. Johnson's wife, Lisa, held the Bible for him as he accepted the oath. Also taking office Monday morning were city council members Johnathan Lockett, District One; Gappa Wise, District Two; Christy Laramore, District Three; Tim Hudson, District Four; and A R Williams, District Five. Those photos are on Page 2 of today's paper.



Before a large audience, Elba's new administration held their first formal meeting Monday morning, Nov. 3 after oaths of office were administered. The meeting was an organizational meeting for the administration, which includes, Tim Johnson, Mayor; Johnathan Lockett, District One; Gappa Wise, District Two; Christy Laramore, District Three; Tim Hudson, District Four; and A R Williams, District Five.

A Message from Former Mayor Tom Maddox

Dear Elba,

My term as Mayor of the City of Elba, which ended on Nov. 3, 2025, has been a rewarding experience, and I want to thank the citizens of Elba for giving me the opportunity to serve.

There are always difficult situations to handle in city governments, probably more than I anticipated—but there have been many people who helped us get over the hurdles. The City Council you elected was wonderful to work with even though we didn't always agree. I also had an incredible staff at City Hall who helped keep things on track.

Together, we have seen a great deal of progress. We successfully attracted the first new industry to Elba since 2004 and participated in at least 27 ribbon cuttings. Several new homes have been built in the past five years, though we still need more. Affordable housing remains an impor-

tant issue.

We completed a \$5.4 million water project, funded in part by a USDA grant, which took place concurrently with a \$7.4 million sewer improvement project. These projects were essential but certainly caused some travel disruptions and made areas of town look rough for a while. Fortunately, the affected streets were repaired and repaved once the work was done.

Several other streets were

also resurfaced. ALDOT repaved all the state highways through town, and additional streets—MLK, Lee, Reynolds, Adams, Whitman, Adkinson (from Claxton to Simmons), Court (from Simmons to Davis), Factory (from Simmons to Davis), and Collier (from Yelverson to Claxton)—were repaved by the city.

We approached the Coffee

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Coffee County Deputies make Halloween drug arrest

Deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office arrested Charlena Michelle Essig, age 47, on multiple drug counts Friday, Oct. 31st.

As of press time this week, Essig remained in the Coffee County Jail on the following charges: three counts of possession of a controlled substance (\$5,000 bond each count), possession of marijuana - second degree (\$3,000 bond), and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia (\$5,000 bond).



IN HONOR OF OCTOBER BEING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, the New Hope Senior Center celebrated a survivor Wednesday, Oct. 29, and remembered those who have passed on to be with the Lord following their battle with breast cancer. Tommie Ortega (seated above in the middle) was the honoree last Wednesday, and she is surrounded by her New Hope Senior Center family. Ortega received a gift bag with "all things pink." She is a survivor and a warrior! She will ring the bell in January to celebrate her victory. A candle was burned in memory of those who have gone on to be with the Lord, followed by prayer from county senior center coordinator Patti Culver. A song entitled "The Other Shore" by Luther Barnes was played. Everyone was given a pink bag with a breast cancer awareness key chain and treats.



Monday evening, Nov. 3, Sherry Seetahal-Rodriguez accepted the oath of office to be Mayor for the Town of New Brockton. She is pictured above during her swearing-in ceremony as Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee Thompson administered the oath of office. Also pictured is Dr. John Granger as he held the Bible for the mayor during the ceremony. Following this oath of office, New Brockton's five council members also accepted the oath of office as administered by Judge Thompson.

Seetahal-Rodriguez takes office as New Brockton Mayor

In a meeting held Monday evening, Nov. 3, the Town of New Brockton's new administration for the next four years officially took office.

Sherry N. Seetahal-Rodriguez was sworn-in as mayor.

The five council members accepting the oath of office, administered by Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee Thompson were Allan W. Rodriguez, District One; Justin Flowers, District Two; Courtney Whitaker, District

Three; Cody L. Reeves, District Four; and Selena S. Terrell, District Five.

The council also affirmed the appointments of Dale Grimes to continue as police chief, and Eric Benavides as town clerk.

Justin Flowers will serve as Mayor Pro Tem for this administration.

Mayor Seetahal-Rodriguez thanked everyone for their support from the campaign to her now being mayor of New Brockton. She said she is looking forward to working with the council and asked for the community's continued prayers that the new leadership makes good decisions for the town.

Outgoing mayor Charles Schieffer and outgoing council member Todd Askins were each presented with a certificate of appreciation for their service to the town.

Schieffer thanked the community for their support during his past two serving as mayor for New Brockton.

Also, during the meeting, Mayor Seetahal-Rodriguez noted the town offices would be closed Tuesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

The council will have a work session Monday, Nov. 17, at 6 p.m.

Offices also will be closed Nov. 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving.

Area Happenings

The Evergreen Cemetery Board will meet Thursday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. at Elba City Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

There will be a Community-Wide Pep Rally for the Elba Tigers on Thursday, Nov. 6, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Elba High School gym. The Tigers will travel to Leroy on Friday, Nov. 7, to take on the Bears in the first round of the Class 1A playoffs.

The Elba Elementary School Veterans Day Parade will be Monday, Nov. 10, at 2 p.m. at the school. All veterans are invited for light refreshments at 1:30 p.m. followed by the parade at 2 p.m.

The Elba Water and Electric Board will have a special called meeting Monday, Nov. 10, immediately following the regular Elba City Council meeting, which begins at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall.

The City of Elba Veterans Day Program is planned for Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park (on the National Security Group grounds). A service branches will be recognized, and a wreath in commemoration of the day will be placed at the Veterans Memorial Park. Following the ceremony, a Veterans Day Parade will be held in downtown Elba beginning at approximately 11:30 a.m. Parade lineup will be at Tiger Town Park, and all are invited to participate (walking units, golf carts, ATV's, Jeeps, and other vehicles are all welcome decorated in red, white and blue) as Elba celebrates all veterans. After the parade, which will go around the courthouse square, The Elba Clipper staff will pass out free hot dogs and water (while supplies last).

EDITORIAL



Elba City Council, District One councilmember **Johnathan Lockett** is shown accepting his oath of office Monday, Nov. 3, during a ceremony held at Elba City Hall. The oath of office was administered by Coffee County District Judge Josh Wilson. Also pictured is Lockett's wife, Jessica.



Elba City Council, District Two councilmember **Gappa Wise** is shown accepting his oath of office Monday, Nov. 3, during a ceremony held at Elba City Hall. The oath of office was administered by Coffee County District Judge Josh Wilson. Also pictured is Wise's wife, Mona.



Elba City Council, District Three councilmember **Christy Laramore** is shown accepting her oath of office Monday, Nov. 3, during a ceremony held at Elba City Hall. The oath of office was administered by Coffee County District Judge Josh Wilson. Also pictured is Laramore's oldest son, Matthew, who filled in for his dad since he was away from home for work on Monday.



Elba City Council, District Four councilmember **Tim Hudson** is shown accepting his oath of office Monday, Nov. 3, during a ceremony held at Elba City Hall. The oath of office was administered by Coffee County District Judge Josh Wilson. Also pictured is Hudson's wife, Kim.



In his final official action as Mayor of Elba, **Tom Maddox**, right, is shown passing the gavel to new mayor **Tim Johnson**, left.

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Publisher

The new city administration for Elba took office Monday morning, and city hall was full of citizens showing interest in the new leaders taking office. These men and women are Elba's leaders for the next four years, and we wish them well as they take on the tasks required to move the city forward. We also encourage all citizens to get behind them support their endeavors, but more than anything, pray for these men and women to make decisions that are best for the community. We are confident the folks in place will work hard every day to grow Elba and make it a place anyone would be happy to call home!

We have learned that one of the first challenges for the new administration will be to find and appoint a new city clerk for Elba as Sally Bane has accepted a job with another city in the county. Sally first came on board with Elba during the Mickey Murdock administration and continued through the Tom Maddox administration. She is taking a wealth of knowledge about municipal government with her as she begins a new endeavor. We wish Sally only the best with her new job, and pray Elba can find a good, quality person to fill this vacancy.

We continue to shake our head at our national leaders for not coming to an agreement to end the government shutdown. As of this writing on Tuesday morning, no end to the shutdown was in sight, and it had reached 35 days, which tied the previous set longest shutdown in U.S. history. So...unless a miracle happened on Tuesday, we now find ourselves in the longest government shutdown in our country's history. We find this absolutely unacceptable, and as we have previously stated, we blame both political parties for this mess! We were in a conversation last week with a government employee deemed "essential" which means he has to continue to work even though he is not getting paid currently. He showed us his paycheck stub for that week, and all the lines were filled with a big 'ole zero - again, it is shameful this is happening. Now, we fully recognize these folks will eventually get their pay when the government is operational again, but the point is, they should not have to wait until a bunch of politicians decide to get off their butts and make decisions for the people of this country and not just their political parties/alliances.

Due to the government shutdown, we continue to encourage our fellow citizens to pay attention to your neighbors, and if you recognize someone truly struggling...help them if you can! Some will argue that everyone should prepare for a rainy day, but there are situations where that is just not possible. Working together, we can all get through this.

Next Tuesday is Veterans Day, and there will be special events held here in Elba. We hope you will make plans to either participate and/or come support the events! We here at the Clipper will even be giving away free hot dogs and bottles of water (while supplies last) at Tiger Town Park following the Veterans Day Parade! Come enjoy!!

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Monday, Oct. 27 through Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center -

Monday, Oct. 27 - No report received

Tuesday, Oct. 28 - Motor vehicle crash with negative injuries at Smith Ave/Hwy 203, Elba (4:03 pm); Reckless driver at Elba Country Club (4:35 pm). Four traffic stops resulted in one citation, two written warnings, and one report taken.

Wednesday, Oct. 29 - Motor vehicle crash at Dollar General, Troy Hwy, (9:26 am); Suspicious vehicle at Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church (12:03 pm); Animal complaint at 343 Brunson Circle (1:04 pm); Animal complaint at 975 County Rd 239 (3:56 pm); Suspicious circumstances at 1121 Farris Ave (11:14 pm). Five traffic stops resulted in two written warnings, two citations issued and one verbal warning.

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Thursday, Oct. 30 - Suspicious person at 1425 MLK Dr (1:36 pm); Animal complain at 890 Cedar Lane Dr. (4:04 pm); Shots fired at 4189 County Road 474, Kinston (7:32 pm). Five traffic stops resulted in four written warnings and one verbal warning.

Friday, Oct. 31 - Suspicious person at Davis St/Addinson Ave (1:05 am); Suspicious circumstances at 332 Brunson St. (7:36 am); Animal complaint at 702 Newton St (5:50 pm); Suspicious vehicle at Tiger Town Park (11:20 pm). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation and one verbal warning.

Saturday, Nov. 1 - Theft of property at 304 Simmons St (3:51 pm); Suspicious vehicle at 1425 MLK Dr (10:11 pm); Missing person at 1623 Parker St (11:34 pm). Two traffic stops resulted in two written warnings.

Sunday, Nov. 2 - Animal complaint at Claxton Ave/Newton St (10:36 am). No traffic stops.

Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder
Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister enjoyed a little "Halloween Weekend Get-Away" last weekend by traveling to Covington, Ga. This place is lightheartedly referred to as the 'Hollywood of the South' because many television show and movie scenes were filmed there.

Two really popular tv shows filmed in Covington were *In the Heat of the Night* and *The Vampire Diaries*...the Vampire Diaries is the most notable and recognized for tourists.

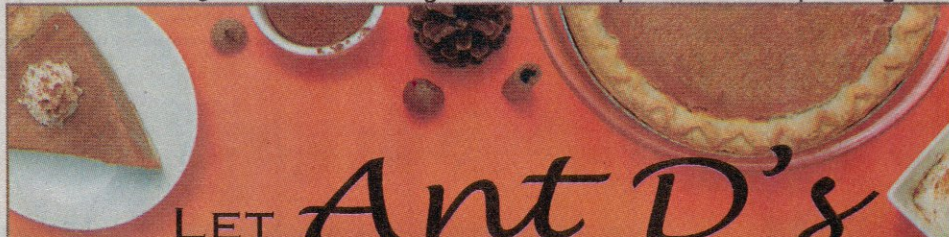
After enjoying a tasty dinner at the Mystic Grill in Covington on Saturday

night, the two drove around looking for iconic spots from the show. Well...the visit to the cemetery from the show halted very quickly once Lou Lou saw the entrance!

The lights from the car illuminated the "enter here" part of the cemetery, and Lou Lou's said, "Oh, heck no!" She put the vehicle in reverse and got out of dodge quickly!

Moral of this story...don't try and 'see' a cemetery where vampires roam in the dark, or Sister will laugh at you!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!



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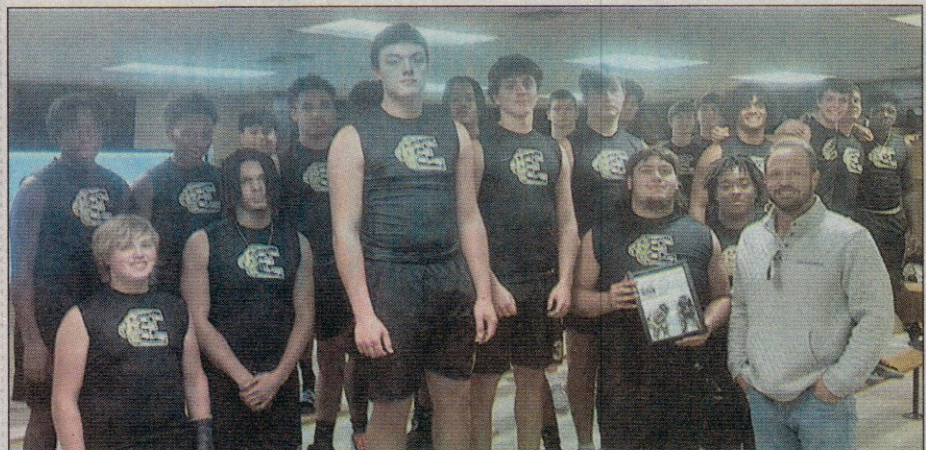
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Obituaries

JOHN TIMOTHY "TIM" BULLARD

Mr. John Timothy "Tim" Bullard, age 70, a resident of Coffee Springs, Ala., died Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025, at Southeast Health in Dothan, Ala.



Tim was a 1973 graduate of Elba High School where he was given the nickname P-Nut, which followed him throughout his life. His was an avid Alabama fan and enjoyed cheering for the Tide on Saturdays. Through his career as a long-haul truck driver, he and his wife, Donna, were able to visit all 48 States during his career span. He will be remembered as a devoted father, grandfather, and friend, and will be missed by many. Graveside services were held Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025, from Evergreen Cemetery in Elba, Ala., with Min. Greg Hanchey officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. The family requests memorials be made to the S.O.S. Animal Shelter in memory of Tim.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna Adkison Bullard; along with his parents, Shirley and Bill Bullard; a sister, Sharon Phillips; and a grandson, Fuller Hodge. Survivors include his sons, Chris (Julie) Hodge, Enterprise, Ala., and LaDon (Leala Roberts) Daniels, Crestview, Fla.; grandchildren, Peyton Hodge, Charli Hodge, Ella Hodge, Brooks Hodge, and Waylon Bryant Daniels.

MARILYN SPURLIN

Ms. Marilyn Spurlin, age 89, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025, at Vitas Inpatient Hospice Unit in Pensacola, Fla.

Graveside services were held Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025, from the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Robert Sharp officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. The family requests memorials be made to a local Humane shelter, or to the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery Fund.

Survivors include her daughters, Cheryl Hancock, and Kay (Steve) Sanders, both of Elba; Donna (Jim) Horn, and Elisa Bruce, both of Troy, Ala.; sons, Craig Boswell, and Todd Boswell, both of Elba; nephew, Johnny Hilson; along with 14 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and one great great-grandchild.

MARGEAN KENNINGTON

Ms. Margean Kennington, age 92, of Elba, Ala., died peacefully Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025, at Enterprise Health & Rehabilitation Center in Enterprise, Ala.



Margean was a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother whose legacy lives on through her devoted family. Her life was a testament to love, resilience, and the enduring strength of family. A graveside service was held Monday, Nov. 3, 2025, from the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Garry Winstead officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to honor Ms. Kennington through

the Enterprise Health & Rehab activities department or Day Springs Hospice. Survivors include her daughters, Judy (Mike) Farris, Elba, and Bobbie (Donald) Powers, Dothan, Ala.; her son, Ricky (Rebecca) Mack, Elba; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three great great-grandchildren.

BETTY MOBLEY COX

Mrs. Betty Mobley Cox, age 92, of Carlyle Place, Macon, Ga., formerly of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025.



She was the daughter of the late Charles Gordon Mobley Sr and Mary Helen Mobley. Betty grew up on a family farm in the Barnes Community of Alabama where she witnessed the addition of electricity and indoor plumbing into her childhood home. Her early education was conducted in a one-room schoolhouse, Barnes School, which later became Union School. While in high school, Betty was a cheerleader and Miss Abbeville, in Abbeville, Ala. (12 miles from the family farm).

In her early years she attended Haleburg Methodist Church. While in high school she attended Abbeville Methodist Church, which was the church where she was married.

Betty attended Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Ala. for two years then transferred to and graduated from The University of Alabama in 1954 where she was a member of Chi Omega Fraternity. While attending Alabama, Betty met and married Walter W Cox. After graduation, Walter was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force and served as a pilot for four years.

In 1959, Mr. and Mrs. Cox moved to Elba, Ala. to raise their three young children and to grow their family. It was in Elba where Walt and Betty purchased and established the Elba Western Auto Store. Betty worked alongside Walt in the Western Auto for 37 years until they sold the business in 1997.

In her spare time, Betty was a Master Gardener and helped establish the Azalea Garden Club where she served in many capacities which included Club President. Additionally, she was active in The Elba United Methodist Church where she served as a trustee on the Administrative Board and taught Sunday School for many years. As a faithful member of Elba United Methodist Church, Betty set an excellent example for her children and ensured they were in church when the doors were open.

Additionally, as a dedicated mother to her children she provided them with every opportunity to pursue their personal interest. She was tremendously dedicated to all her activities; however, she was particularly attentive to their son, Steve, who had multiple disabilities. As a testimony to Betty's dedication to her family, she moved them to Birmingham for Steve to attend a school for the deaf.

She will be remembered for her deep devotion to Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, her fierce determination in everything she pursued and her outreach to the community. Betty was an excellent role model to her children and

grandchildren. Her advice to them always included, "Love God and keep his commandments, seek to do His will, which will in turn keep your priorities in order. Know there is no easy ride in life and hard work does payoff."

Betty was also active in the Coffee County Arts Alliance and the South-Central Alabama Girl Scout Council. She loved watching the Crimson Tide play football, as well as dancing with Walt in the Enterprise Dance Club once a month. Walt and Betty also enjoyed traveling the world and spending many memorable days at their beach house, 7Cs, in Sunnyside Beach, Fla.

In 2010, Walt and Betty moved to Carlyle Place in Macon to be close to their children and grandchildren. While there, Betty served on the Carlyle Place landscape committee and was a member of the book club. While in Macon, she was a dedicated member of Mulberry United Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be held at Elba Methodist Church on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025, at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Dr. Matt Mobley officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. The family will receive friends and family at the church at 10 a.m. on Thursday. Pallbearers will be her grandsons, William and Wesley Suplit, Patrick, Christian, Julian Cox and Gavin Hunt.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Elba Methodist Church, 503 Davis St, Elba, AL 36323.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Walter W Cox; and their son, Steven Cox; as well as her five brothers, Charles Gordon Jr, James Earl, Jack and Henry Mobley, Larry Falkner; and one sister, Mary Helen Mobley.

Survivors include her children: Bunny Cox Suplit (Bill), Stow, Ohio, Beverly Cox Suever (David), Atlanta, Ga., Paul Mobley Cox (Jody), Talladega, Ala., Margaret Ann Cox Hunt (Rob), Macon, Ga.; eight grandchildren: William Suplit, Kirkland, Wash., Wesley (Kelly) Suplit, Silver Lake, Ohio, Patrick Cox, Dawsonville, Ga., Katie (John) Miller, Mandeville, La., Christian (Taylor) Cox, Odenville, Ala., Julian Cox, Trussville, Ala., Gavin Hunt, Jacksonville, Fla., and Hayden Braun (Casey), Atlanta, Ga.; six great-grandchildren; her sisters-in-law, Hope Falkner, Headland, Ala., Sara Margaret Cox, Geneva, Ala.; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, John E and Susan Cox, Ozark, Ala., and brother-in-law, Jerry Tanton, Hartford, Ala.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

ANGELA HOLT

Ms. Angela Holt, age 60, died unexpectedly Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025.

Angie was born March 17, 1965 in Blakely, Ga., to Mark Harrison Holt Sr and Lois Jones Holt.

During her childhood, she moved with her family of seven (Angie was the middle child of five) to many cities in the Deep South, including Memphis, Tennessee; Ashdown, Arkansas; Demopolis, Alabama; and finally, Elba, Alabama, where she graduated high school in 1983.

Angie was a trailblazer in the STEM field in one of the more difficult curricula, Electrical Engineering at Auburn University. At that time, the STEM field rarely attracted women. Upon her graduation in 1987, Boeing, in Huntsville Ala., recruited Angie to test the seals on the International Space Station for airtightness.

On completion of such a high-visibility first job, after the Space Station launched, Angie decided to attend law school at the University of Alabama (but only because Auburn did not have a law school). She enjoyed and excelled at her intellectual property law career since 2001.

As a registered patent attorney, she obtained countless patents for her clients, in addition to litigating intellectual property disputes. Angie was a vibrant contributor in her law community, with whom she shared deep and abiding friendships. Angie's passion in law included mentoring women, people of color, and LGBTQ+ persons. Equal opportunities both in justice and in life were driving forces for Angie.

Angie was an avid lover of animals, specifically cats. She always had food in her car, ready to help any animal in need. She domesticated many feral cats, who became her beloved companions. Angie spent generous hours donating pro bono legal services to promote animal rights, and to help people in need.

Angie was preceded in death by her father, Mark Harrison Holt Sr; her sister, Martha Holt Coleman; and her brother, Mark Harrison Holt Jr.

Angie is survived by her mother Lois Jones Holt. As her parents aged, Angie relocated to allow her parents, who were married for 61 years, to remain together in their home.

Angie also is survived by her sister, Carol Holt (and husband Jeff Foster); brother, Tom Holt (and wife Elaine); niece, Angela Maeve Foster Hutchins (and husband Grayson Hutchins); niece, Leila Claire Foster; and numerous friends and extended family.

To honor Angie's memory, the family requests contributions to River Region Animal Rescue in Montgomery, Alabama (www.rrarsquad.org) and to Forgotten Felines in Huntsville, Alabama (www.ffhsv.org).



LETTER (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

fee County Commission about the Coffee County Health Center building, better known as the Adult Day Care Center, and asked if they would deed that property and the adjacent lot to the city. They graciously agreed. This allowed us to house the Elba Recreation Department there until funds can be secured to finish renovations at the old National Guard Armory.

The city also made improvements at Hawkins-Williams Park, including the addition of a new playground, funded in part by a \$380,000 grant.

After working with several healthcare providers, the Elba Healthcare Authority and the city entered into an agreement with Mizell Hospital to open Elba Healthcare, an acute care office on Drayton Avenue. Nurse Practitioner Specialist Dylan McCollough stays busy seeing patients and referring them to local hospitals and physicians when needed.

We secured grants to replace fire hydrants and water meters throughout the city. Our water tanks were also cleaned, repainted, and now display either the city or school logo.

Hillcrest Cemetery was purchased by the city and is now maintained by the Cemetery Board. It is an attractive memorial site located on Highway 84 East at the Elba city limits.

We also partnered with the county and the state to maintain Coffee County Lake. Although the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' changes to lake operations have moved more slowly than expected, we are pleased that the lake is now open. Plans are in place for a hiking trail with bird-watching stations and a new bait shop with restrooms. The state has agreed to fund much of this work.

Our Airport Authority deserves great credit for securing several grants to improve the airport. Projects include the reconstruction of T-hangers and taxilanes, site preparation for a new terminal building, parking lot, and security gate, and more than \$1 million to resurface the runway. The runway project is scheduled to begin next spring. The other approved projects will follow. The city will not have to contribute matching funds, as the Airport Authority already has them. Total airport improvement grants are expected to total between \$2.2 million and \$2.8 million.

Thanks also to the Choctawhatchee, Pea, and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority (CPYRW-

MA) for securing grants to repair the Pea River Boat Landing at the downtown bridge. The project includes \$80,000 for design and engineering and \$600,000 for construction.

The Nature Conservancy has obtained ownership of the Elba Dam from a California property owner. Although a scheduled meeting to discuss demolition was postponed due to the government shutdown, the plan remains in motion. Once completed, the river will return to its natural flow, allowing the Gulf sturgeon and Alabama shad to return to their natural spawning grounds. Two CPYRWMA grants will fund the project, which is expected to take about three years. There is hope the powerhouse can be preserved, though that appears unlikely.

Some of the most satisfying accomplishments during my tenure involved new and expanding businesses. Sunbelt Solomon became the first industry to locate in Elba since Toledo Molding and Die (now INZI) in 2004. The company repairs, recycles, and rents electrical transformers, operating 17 locations across the country—from California to Pennsylvania—and now Alabama.

Dorsey Trailers added two new product lines requiring large transformers, which they purchased from Sunbelt Solomon with assistance from the city. This expansion will create new jobs, and the increased electrical demand will quickly offset the city's share of the transformer costs.

Several new restaurants have also opened in the last five years—Annie's Comfort Kitchen, Miss Linda's, Jack's, and Mia's—adding to Elba's growing dining scene.

We're also excited to see groundbreaking for a new business in New Town and progress toward the planned Verizon tower on Davis Street, which has been assigned to a construction firm in Arkansas. Work on that much-needed project should begin soon.

I encourage everyone to look for positives, talk about the good things happening, and continue praying for our leadership. It would also be nice if everyone would pick up litter!

I look forward to continued progress under Mayor Tim Johnson, the new Elba City Council, and all the city employees who make Elba a great place to call home.

Sincerely,
Tom Maddox,
Former Mayor of Elba

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PAUL JASON DOWLING DECEASED
DEBRA W. DOWLING PETITIONER
CASE NO: 25-136

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATRIX

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Debra W. Dowling, as Administratrix of the Estate of Paul Jason Dowling, who departed from this life on the 9th day of June 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or same will be barred.

Debra W. Dowling Administratrix of the Estate of Paul Jason Dowling, deceased.

Counsel for the Estate: David W. Rousseau, Esq. Rousseau Law Firm Post Office Box 10 Hartford, Alabama 36344 (334) 588-3333 Facsimile: (334) 588-0046 10/23, 30 & 11/6-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR GENEVA COUNTY

IN RE: The Estate of Robert Gene McKinney, Deceased
Case No. 25-145

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to Jennifer S. McKinney, Executor (Personal Representative) on the 20th day of October 2025 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or same will be barred.

Toby L Seay Judge of Probate Alfred J. Danner Attorney for Petitioner P.O. Box 33 Geneva, AL 36340 10/23, 30 & 11/6 pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF SHELBY JEAN SMITH DECEASED
JEFFERY D. HATCHER, PETITIONER.
CASE NO: 2024-821

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration upon the Estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of October 2025, by Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is given that all persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jeffery D. Hatcher

Jeffery D. Hatcher, Administrator
Jeffery D. Hatcher Attorney for the Estate of Shelby Jean Smith Post Office Box 189 300 South Commerce Street Geneva, Alabama 36340 (334)684-8524 10/23, 30 & 11/6 pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Enterprise Division
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: BRITTANY FAYE DAKOTA TAYLOR DECEASED
CASE NO. PR 2025-186

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Willie Taylor, JR, as administrator of the estate of Brittany Faye Dakota Taylor, deceased on the 10th day of August 2025, by the Honorable Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

GARY D. BRADSHAW (BRAD074) Attorney for Petitioner P.O. Box 311412 Enterprise, AL 36331-1412 (334) 393-6439/(334) 393-7163 fax 10/23, 30 & 11/6 pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ENTERPRISE DIVISION
THE ESTATE OF LYRA B. BOYD, DECEASED
CASE NO: PR-2025-217

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Julian R. Boyd and Norma Boyd Desert on October 16, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Julian R. Boyd 6121 Highway 27 South Enterprise, AL 36330 Norma Boyd Desert 3063 County Road 477 Kinston, AL 36453 10/23, 30 & 11/6 pd

IN THE MATTER OF MARY L. CARPENTER, DECEASED.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC 2025-079

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of October 2025 by Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 21st day of October 2025. /s/ RONNIE G. KELLEY Personal Representative /s/ Matt Brunson Attorney for Personal Representative 10/23, 30 & 11/6 pd

IN THE MATTER OF JOHN BLAKE PARKER DECEASED.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC 2025-082

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letter Testamentary of said

deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of October 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 21st day of October 2025.

/s/ John Randall Parker Personal Representative /s/ Christopher Brian Parker Personal Representative /s/ Matt Brunson Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives 10/23, 30 & 11/6 pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of BOBBY A. MOCK aka BOBBY ASHFORD MOCK, deceased.
Case No. PR-2025-214

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Bobby A. Mock aka Bobby Ashford Mock having been granted to Gerard Hohman aka Gerard David Hohman, Personal Representative on the 3rd day of November, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 3rd day of November 2025.

Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge 11/6, 13 & 20- pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CYNTHIA ANNE LEE, DECEASED
CAES NO. PR-2025-224

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to William Travis Lee as Administrator of the Estate of Cynthia Anne Lee, deceased on the 3rd day of November, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Judge of Probate 11/6, 13 & 20 pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of Faith Anne Smith Robinson aka Faith Anne Robinson, deceased.
Case No. PR-2025-233

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary having been granted to Barbara Smith Broadus Plumley aka Barbara Braodddus Plumley as Personal Representative of the Estate of Faith Anne Smith Robinson aka Faith Anne Robinson on the 3rd day of November, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge 11/6, 13, & 20 - pd

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

State of Alabama

Coffee County

Probate Court Case No: PR-2025-207

In the Matter of the Estate of Fred Douglas Harris deceased.

Letters of Administration on the estate of said decedent having been granted to Ed Parish, Jr. on the 20th day of October 2025, by the Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, duly sworn to, in the Probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law or else will be forever barred.

Ed Parish, Jr.
Administrator/ Personal Representative of the Estate of Fred Douglas Harris, deceased

The Parish Law Firm
323 Adams Avenue (36104)
Post Office Box 52
Montgomery, AL 36101-0052
(334)263-0003
(334)263-0032 Fax
10/23, 30& 11/6 pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GLENDA TURNER HOLLOWAY, DECEASED.

CASE NO. PR-2025-118

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to DEDIE BURGE, Personal Representative, on the 20th day of October 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON
PROBATE JUDGE
COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
10/23, 30 & 11/6 pd

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Sarah Jo Shaffer to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, Ltd, dated August 31, 2023, said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in Book 220A, Page 298. Said mortgage was subsequently sold, assigned and transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC. Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned, Nationstar Mortgage LLC, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in Coffee County, Alabama on January 14, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following describe real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

A LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT WHERE THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4, SECTION 23, T6N, R19E, INTERSECTS THE CENTERLINE OF ALABAMA HIGHWAY #189; THENCE IN A NORTH-WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF ALABAMA HIGHWAY #189 1145.11 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 57 DEGREES 23'42" W 40.0 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY R.O.W. OF ALABAMA HIGHWAY #189; THENCE CONTINUE S 57

DEGREES 23'42" W 210.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE S 5 DEGREES 23'42" W 210.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 35 DEGREES 26' W 210.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 57 DEGREES 23'42" E 210.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 35 DEGREES 26' E 210.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4, SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 6N, RANGE 19E AND CONTAINING 1.0 ACRE, MORE OR LESS.

ALSO: COMMENCING AT A POINT WHERE THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4, SECTION 23, T6N, R19E INTERSECTS THE CENTERLINE OF THE ALABAMA HIGHWAY #189, THENCE IN A NORTH-WESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF ALABAMA HIGHWAY #189 1145.11 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 57 DEGREES 23' 42" W 40.0 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY R.O.W. OF ALABAMA HIGHWAY #189 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S 57 DEGREES 23' 42" W 210.0 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 35 DEGREES 26' W 210.0 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE N 57 DEGREES 23' 42" E 210.0 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY R.O.W. OF ALABAMA HIGHWAY #189; THENCE S 35 DEGREES 26' E ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY R.O.W. OF ALABAMA HIGHWAY #189 A CHORD DISTANCE OF 210.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4, SECTION 23, T6N, R19E.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this sale was previously scheduled for November 19, 2025, and was cancelled and reset to the above sale date of January 14, 2026. All other terms and conditions of the original Notice of Sale remain in full force and effect.
ALAW
420 North 20th Street, Suite 2249

Birmingham, AL 35203
Attorney for Mortgagee/ Transferee
25-010157
10/30,11/6 & 13-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SARAH P. GIBSON DECEASED

CASE NO. PR-25-222

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Deborah K. Gibson, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sarah P. Gibson, deceased, on the 27th day of October, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Judge of Probate
10/30, 11/6 & 13 pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE ESTATE OF RACHELLE MARIE COUNCIL, DECEASED.

CASE NO. PR-2025-220

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Rashad Moonschein, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Rachelle Marie Council, deceased, on the 22nd day of October 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Judge of Probate
10/30, 11/6 & 13 pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GILIAN RAINES, DECEASED.

CASE NO.: PR-2025-187

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration upon the estate of Gillian Suzanne Raines, deceased, having been granted to Johannesmeyer and Sawyer, PLLC, on the 22nd day of October, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allow by law, or the same will be barred.

All claims must be filed in writing with the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, at the Probate Court, and a copy thereof must be sent to the undersigned attorney at the address provided below.

This notice is published pursuant to Section 43-2-350, Code of Alabama 1975, and in accordance with the local rules and procedures of the Coffee County Probate Court. Notice is also provided to Medicaid, as required by Alabama law.
Date of Letters Granted: October 22, 2025
Personal Representative: Johannesmeyer & Sawyer, PLLC
Estate of: Gillian Suzanne Raines, Deceased
402 Dixie Drive
Enterprise, AL 36330
Attorney for Estate: Jonathan P. Morgan
Johannesmeyer & Sawyer, PLLC
216 8th Street
Opelika, AL 36801
Email: jonathan@jandspllc.com
10/30,11/6&13-pd.

IN RE THE ESTATE OF TAMMY ANNETTE MUNSEY, DECEASED,

IN THE PROBATE

COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELAB DIVISION

CASE NO. PC-2025-065

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: Carl James Loomis, Jr.

To: Any person having any interest in the above styled estate:

Petition to Admit Will to Probate and for Granting of Letters Testamentary having been filed in the above estate, notice is hereby given that a hearing on this Petition will be held on the 2nd day of December 2025, at 10:00 o'clock am at the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba, Alabama.

Witness my hand this the 23rd day of October 2025.
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
10/30, 11/6 & 13 pd

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: NELDA B. BROWN, Deceased,

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: PC-2025-083

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: James Hanson Weed

To: Any person having any interest in the above styled estate:

Petition to Admit Will to Probate and for Granting of Letters Testamentary having been filed in the above estate, notice is hereby given that a hearing on this petition will be held on the 2nd day of December 2025, at 10:30 o'clock am at the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba, Alabama.

Witness my hand this the 23rd day of October 2025.
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
10/30, 11/6 & 13 pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF: MELVIN ARNOLD, Incapacitated Person/ Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC-2023-007

NOTICE

On the 15th day of October 2025, Melvin Joseph Arnold, as conservator for Melvin Arnold, filed his sworn petition and accounting in this Court seeking a final settlement of her duties and handling of the estate of Melvin Arnold.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that all persons or creditors having an interest in said conservatorship estate shall appear in the Coffee County Probate Office, Elba Division on the 2nd day of December, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., said date and time being set for hearing the Conservator's petition for an interim settlement.
DONE this the 21st day of October, 2025.
HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
10/30, 11/9 & 13 pd

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF COFFEE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage and security agreement executed by CLEVELAND BERTRAND REEVES and AMY NICHOLE REEVES, a married couple, on the 5th day of May 2021, to 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as recorded in OFFREC Book 935, Page 470, in the office of the Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama; 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Mortgagee, by reason of such default having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and security agreement due and payable and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting

under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and security agreement, and as authorized by Section 7-9A-604(a)(2) of the Code of Alabama of 1975 as amended, 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Mortgagee, will sell at public outcry, for cash to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door, in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on December 3, 2025, the following described real and personal property situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

A lot or parcel of land located in Coffee County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 31, T6N, R22E; thence N 87°06'29" W along an old fence 408.89 feet to the East R.O.W. of Alabama Highway #51; thence N 14°04'38" E, along the East R.O.W. of Alabama Highway #51, 571.88 feet to a point; thence N 89°59'59" E 296.91 feet to an old fence; thence S 02°45'00" W along said old fence 576.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said property being located in the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 31, T6N, R22E and containing 4.594 acres more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT: A lot or parcel of land located in Coffee County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 31, T6N, R22E; thence N 87°06'29" W along an old fence 198.89 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue N 87°06'29" W along said old fence 210.0 feet to the East R.O.W. of Alabama Highway #51; thence N 14°04'38" E, along the East R.O.W. of Alabama Highway #51, 210.0 feet to a point; thence S 87°06'29" E 210.0 feet to a point; thence S 14°04'38" W 210.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said property being located in the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 31, T6N, R22E and containing 1.0 acre more or less.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: A lot or parcel of land located in Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 31, T6N, R22E; thence N 02°45'00" E 372.07 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue N 02°45'00" E 203.93 feet to a point; thence S 89°59'59" W 296.91 feet to the East right of way of Alabama Highway #51; thence S 14°04'38" W, along the East right of way of Alabama Highway #51, 210.00 feet to a point; thence N 89°59'59" E 338.20 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said property being located in the SE 1/4, Section 31, T6N, R22E and containing 1.485 acres more or less.

INCLUDING a security interest in one (1) 2021 Buccaneer 16' x 82' manufactured home, Serial No. CBC052025AL; together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all fixtures now attached to and used in connection with the premises herein described.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold

subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

Said sale will be made subject to any existing Federal Tax Lien, if any, and/or Special Assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the above-described mortgage, and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of the said mortgage. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact Margery Oglesby at the phone number shown below prior to attending the sale.

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IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACQUES RENE EHLENFELDT, DECEASED

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO. : PR- 2025-212

NOTICE OF HEARING TO: Rene V. Ehlenfeldt and to all Known and Unknown heirs at law and next of kin of JACQUES RENE EHLENFELDT who may be unknown and are not named.

You are hereby notified that PATRICIA M. EHLENFELDT has filed a Petition to probate a document purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of JACQUES RENE EHLENFELDT, deceased.

A hearing on said petition has been set for the 24th day of November, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at which time you may appear and contest the same if you see fit.

DONE AND ORDERED this 15th day of October, 2025.

JUDGE OF PROBATE
11/6, 13 & 20-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY ALABAMA

IN RE THE ESTATE OF J. EVELYON ROBINSON, SR., Deceased.

CASE NO. 25-144

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of the said Deceased having been granted to Inez Robinson on the 3rd day of November, 2025 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It was a team effort Friday night as one grandson helped me pass out Halloween candy and the other visited neighborhoods in the area and filled his bag with candy. We didn't have as many trick-or-treaters as hoped, but made sure everyone that stopped by left happy, and that was the goal. It is good to see not all traditions have fallen to the wayside due to the ideas of grownups that probably never had fun growing up, and want to pass along their anxieties.

For what it is worth....

*** *There is a sign as you drive into Leroy* High School to 'Beware of Bears,' and with a total of seven state championship banners hanging in the football stadium it is easy to understand why. I know it is never easy to win on the road, especially in the first round of the playoffs. However, I also think the Elba Tigers are looking forward to the challenge and will show up looking to stun the football world and carry home a win. I remember all three previous trips to Leroy as future Auburn quarterback Clint Moseley passed the Bears to a 47-21 win over Coach Scott Rials' Elba Tigers in 2008, the Tigers were simply outmanned and despite a monster night by Richmon Singletary in 2017 were outscored 48-20 under Coach Ed Rigby, and especially remember the most recent trip in 2023 when Coach Marc Sieving led his Tigers to town and lost 27-24 on a last-second touchdown. Elba may be 0-3 all-time in the series and I know that since the Tigers are 3-7 and the Bears are 10-0 many expect a lopsided loss. Just don't tell the Tigers, because they may hold up a 'Beware of Tigers' sign.

*** *Elba's 3-7 record has drawn a lot of attention* across the area, but when the brackets were revealed over the weekend there were a total of six playoff teams with three wins. Elba won three of its last four region games to make the post-season party, while Tanner moved on despite losing its last two games by a combined score of 90-28, Sand Rock advanced by winning two of its last three games, Susan Moore stayed alive despite losing five of its last six games, Dadeville won its last two games to move on, and Beauregard advanced with wins in two of its last four games. Those six teams proved a team doesn't have to have a winning record to make the playoffs and also proved there are a lot of different ways to do so! A total of 14 teams, including Pelham and South Lamar made the playoffs with four wins, and 23 teams advanced with five wins, including such recognizable names as Montgomery Carver, Gulf Shores, Oxford, Charles Henderson, Pike County, Highland Home, Linden and Georgiana. Hey, in Class 7A, Region 4, region champion Sparkman and region runner-up James Clemens both had 5-5 records. While a team's record is usually a pretty good indication of just how good a team really is, it isn't always the case as once the playoffs kick off only seven of the 208 teams that started the journey will win their last game.

*** *I know it's considered bad luck* to ever look to your next opponent in sports, but once the high school playoffs begin there is always a temptation to peek at the brackets and see what may lie ahead. In Class 1A, an Elba win would probably have the Tigers at home in round two against Linden, while if Brantley advances it will run head first into undefeated Maplesville. In Class 2A, possible match-ups include Lanett against Arton and Cottonwood against Reeltown; in Class 3A high-scoring Southside Selma could run into Wicksburg; in Class 4A Opp is one win away from a clash against American Christian; in Class 5A Andalusia is one track to challenge Central Clay County; and, in Class 6A, possible second round

match-ups include Benjamin Russell against Theodore and Saraland against Spain Park. It only gets better from there, and all fans hope their teams are still alive as the post-season rolls along.

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* hit on 11 of his 14 picks last week and for the first time in years actually seemed anxious to make his first round playoff picks. The local guesspert said he was looking forward to the post-season race and made an early prediction that the majority of the returning state champs would not make it two in a row. Only time will tell, but here is this week's fearless forecast....

ELBA VS. LEROY

The Pea River felines grew claws late in the season to make the post-season party, but will have their hands full this week when they enter bear country down in the southwest part of the state. I know the felines and their fans are hopeful of an upset. However, the guess here is the bears may be just a little too strong at their home den. **LEROY 27 ELBA 14**

ZION CHAPEL VS. LANETT

The troops from up at Fort Jack looked a little tired recently after marching through a long season, and in opening round playoff action have to take a hike up near the state line on a hunt for panthers. The troops won't have any problems finding the cats, but may not have enough ammunition to call the hunt a success. **LANETT 38 ZION CHAPEL 7**

OTHER PICKS:

Linden 22 Billingsley 8
Georgiana 32 Southern Choctaw 30
McIntosh 29 Brantley 27
McKenzie 48 Millry 14
University Charter 35 Notasulga 6
Maplesville 56 R.C. Hatch 0
Cottonwood 31 Chickasaw 8
J.U. Blacksher 22 G.W. Long 21
Reeltown 30 Highland Home 13
Loachapoka 42 Goshen 40
Clarke County 21 Providence Christian 17
Arton 35 Washington County 21
Southside Selma 62 Dadeville 22
Montgomery Academy 24 Flomaton 7
Bayside 38 Houston Academy 17
Cottage Hill 21 Wicksburg 20
Jackson 41 Ashford 6
Mobile Christian 24 Dale County 16
St. Michael 35 Pike County 7
W.S. Neal 21 Opp 16
Vigor 40 Charles Henderson 10
Williamson 36 Eufaula 7
Andalusia 28 UMS-Wright 17
Benjamin Russell 31 Central Tuscaloosa 14
Russell County 33 Gulf Shores 21
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Auburn 24 Vestavia Hills 21

In playoff opener

Elba Tigers to go on bear hunt

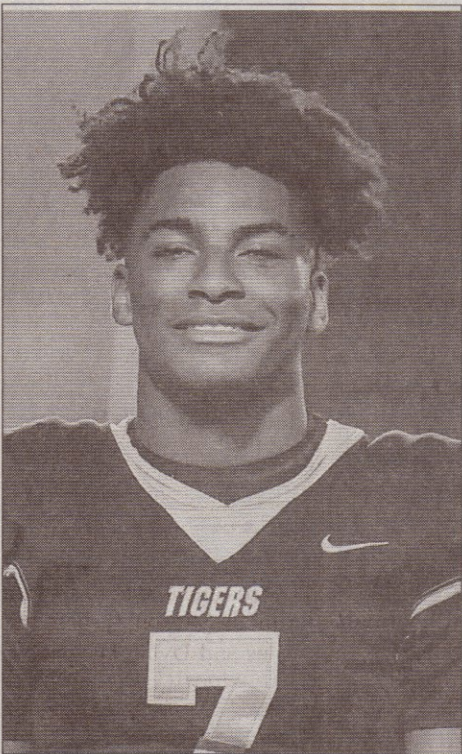
Two teams that have combined for over 1,200 wins and 14 state championships will tangle Friday night in the opening round of the AHSAA Class 1A football playoffs when the Elba Tigers hit the road for a match-up with the Leroy Bears.

Leroy owns a 3-0 record against Elba, with all three games taking place in the post-season, at Leroy, and the Bears winning the three games by a combined score of 122-65.

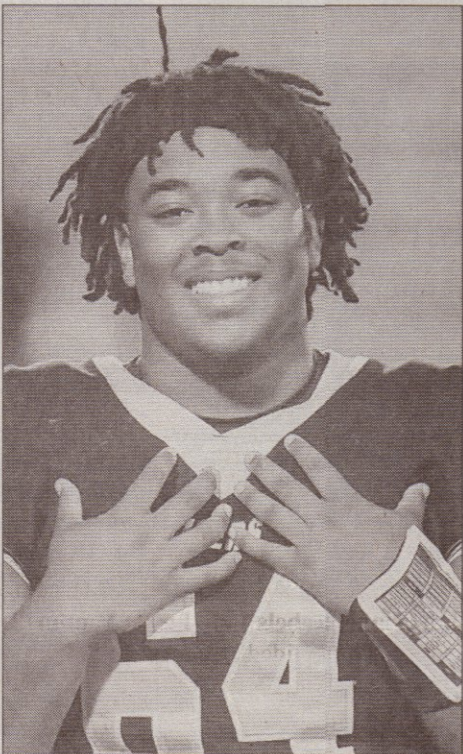
"Leroy has been one of the best teams in the state for the past four years and has a rich tradition on the football field," stated Elba Tiger head coach Jon Cooper. "They are undefeated this season and are picked by many to win another state title. I know we will be big underdogs, but we have been facing playoff games the last four weeks and also have a rich tradition. We expect a hard fought four-quarter battle, and believe if we play our best we have a shot at pulling off what most think would be the upset of the season."

Elba, which has won 633 games and seven state titles in its rich football history, will be entering the playoffs for the 37th time, owns a 58-32 playoff record and is 23-13 all-time in first round contests.

The Tigers opened the 2025 season against a trio of region champions in (2A) Luverne, (2A) Glenwood and (1A) McKenzie, which closed the season with a combined record of 28-2, and then saw their record dip to 0-6. They won three of their last four games, all against region foes, to advance to the playoffs, and in those games averaged 38.7 points a game and allowed 16.8 points a game. "We opened the season



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against three very good teams with a very young team and then we lost a couple of close games to region opponents," added Cooper. "The players kept working hard at practice and believing in what we were doing and won three of our final four games, all against region opponents, to make the playoffs. We aren't a typical 3-7 team after closing the regular season winning three must-win games, and are ready to keep it going in the playoffs."

Leroy has posted 601 wins in its rich football history and also owns seven state championships. The Bears are 81-29 all-time in playoff action, will be making their 37th trip to the playoffs on Friday night and are 29-7 in first round contests. They posted their third undefeated regular season in the past four years this season and averaged 46.6 points a game and allowed 15.9. Leroy's wins

came over Thomasville 52-34, Clarke County 41-12, McIntosh 42-26, Sweet Water 40-13, J.F. Shields 52-14, Washington County 44-14; Marengo 60-20, Southern Choctaw 28-12, Fruitdale 56-0 and Millry 51-14.

"Leroy has a great football team, but it isn't unbeatable," said Cooper. "It has some really good football players and has seventeen juniors and seniors that have only lost a total of three games in the past four years. On offense they are a basic spread team that will lull you to sleep running the ball and then hit you deep. They will throw it deep about ten times a game, and have a solid quarterback and three very good receivers. They are able to run the ball and have a big ole 215-pound back that packs a punch, and have put a lot of points on the scoreboard. Their strength is their defense, led by #6 at linebacker. He stands right up at the line and is hard to block because they have two tackles that are also good and demand your respect. I watched a lot of tape on Leroy and

on defense they may have given up over three yards on a running play maybe ten times all season. All eleven players on defense look like they want to lead the team in tackles and really attack the football. It is a base 4-3 defense with some very physical players that just line up and tee off on every play."

"On offense we will have to throw the ball a little more, control the clock and not commit penalties or turnovers," added Cooper. "We must block well at the line of scrimmage to give us time to be successful, and be able to take what they give us. On defense we must match their physicality, tackle their big back and know where #11 is at all times, no matter the formation. Leroy is very physical and tries to overpower its opponents on both sides of the ball, which means we will have to have some players step up and play their best game of the season. It is going to be a battle from the opening kickoff and we just have to be ready, play our best on every play and not back down from the challenge."

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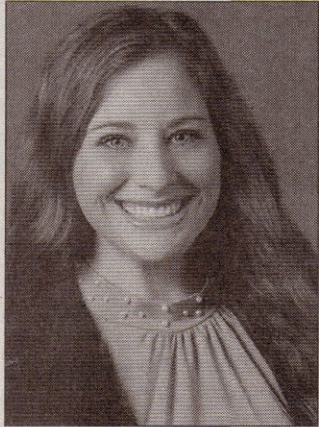
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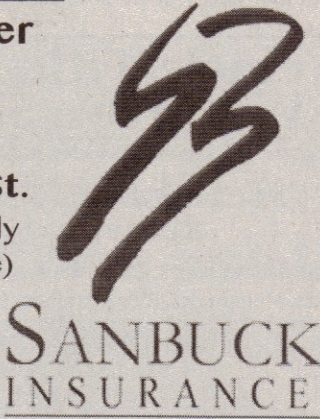
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Tigers rally for exciting 35-31
win over Pleasant Home Eagles

The Elba Junior Tigers improved their record to 2-1 last week with an exciting 35-31 home court win over the Pleasant Home Eagles.

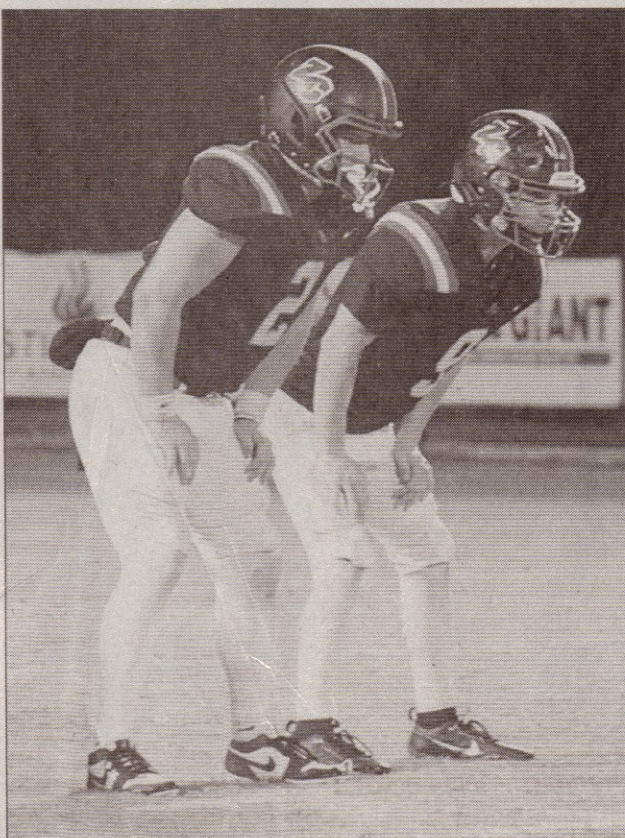
Pleasant Home came to play and jumped out to a 9-0 lead midway through the opening quarter, but Elba's Jacquez Hill scored four points late in the stanza to help the Tigers pull within 9-5, and all five starters scored in the second quarter as Elba went in at intermission trailing only 16-14. Pleasant Home maintained its lead throughout the third quarter and carried a 25-22 lead into the final quarter. However, the Tigers Jacquez Hill and Jayse Williams combined to score nine points in the quarter and connected on three of three from the free-throw line as Elba rallied for the 35-31 win.

Jacquez Hill and Jayse Williams scored 11 points, apiece, to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were RJ Melton 6, Kimorian Lane 4, Declan Fitts 2 and Carter Mitchell 1. Pleasant Home was led by Jay Cox and Brent Harrington with 11 points, each.

SPORTS NEWS



Zion Chapel Rebel Trent Elrod (7) turns the corner for a big gain. Elrod had a 37-yard touchdown run waved off by a penalty flag in last week's 21-7 win over Pleasant Home.



Zion Chapel Rebels John Foster Hamm (2) and Jerimiah Stinson (9) provided a 1-2 punch in the backfield in the win over Pleasant Home.

With 21-7 win over Pleasant Home

Zion Chapel claims sixth win of season

From combined reports
Photos by Amanda Clark

The Zion Chapel Rebels closed the regular season with a three-game winning streak as they pulled ahead early and then held on to defeat the Pleasant Home Eagles 21-7, Friday night at Green Memorial Stadium.

Zion Chapel received the opening kickoff and marched 68 yards in ten plays and ate up over six minutes off the clock to grab an early lead. John Foster Hamm rushed for 45 yards on five carries and completed a 6-yard pass to Joeb Bradley to spark the drive, and it was Hamm that scored the Rebel touchdown on a 9-yard run. Hamm added the extra-point as Zion Chapel went on top 7-0 with 5:55 left in the first quarter.

The Rebels Grady Meeks recovered an Eagle fumble on the ensuing kickoff to put Zion Chapel in business at the Pleasant Home 35-yardline, but an apparent 37-yard td run by Trent Elrod was waved off by a penalty flag, and the Rebels never recovered as their lead remained seven points.

Zion Chapel began its next possession at the Pleasant Home 37-yardline after an Eagle punt and the Rebels took advantage of the short field as they went 37 yards in seven plays to extend their lead. An apparent 42-yard scoring dash by John Foster Hamm was waved off by a penalty flag, but this time Zion Chapel overcame the penalty as Hamm rushed for 36 yards on three carries and Jerimiah Stinson added 11 yards on three carries, and scored on a 1-yard run. Hamm added the extra-point, and with 7:08 remaining in the second quarter the Rebels were on top 14-0.

It was Pleasant Home's turn to see a penalty flag nullify a score on its ensuing possession, and the Eagles failed to overcome the flag as the Rebel defense turned back an Eagle scoring threat at the one-yardline to preserve the 14-0 halftime advantage.

Zion Chapel's defense turned back another Pleasant Home threat on the initial possession of the third quarter after the Eagles reached a first down at the Rebels 16-yardline. However, Pleasant Home regained possession at its own 36-yardline after a defensive stand and went 64 yards in only four plays to finally reach the endzone and pulled within 14-7 with 11:53 remaining in the fourth quarter.

The Zion Chapel defense came up with a key fourth down stop at the Pleasant Home 31-yardline midway through the quarter as the Eagles gambled deep in their own territory, and the Rebels cashed in the short field to wrap up the win. The Rebel score came with 2:26 left on the clock on a 36-yard touchdown toss from John Foster Hamm to Dylan Davis, and Hamm booted the extra-point to end the scoring with the Rebels on top 21-7.

John Foster Hamm rushed for 123 yards and one touchdown on 17 carries and completed 3 of 5 passes for 47 yards and one td to spark the Zion Chapel offense, while Jerimiah Stinson rushed for 46 yards and one td on 12 carries and Dylan Davis caught one pass for 36 yards and a Rebel touchdown.



Zion Chapel Rebel cheerleaders lead the team onto the field in last week's regular season finale against Pleasant Home.

All seven defending champions in AHSAA playoff field

All seven defending state champions are among the 208 teams set to begin the 60th AHSAA State Football Playoffs, which begin this week with 104 games on the schedule.

A total of 32 teams in Classes 1A through 6A and 16 in Class 7A open play on Friday, Nov. 7 at sites of the highest seed.

The seven defending champions include: Class 1A Wadley (9-0); Class 2A Reeltown (7-3); Class 3A Mars Hill Bible (10-0); Class 4A Jackson (8-2); Class 5A Montgomery Catholic (6-4); Class 6A Parker (7-3); and Class 7A Thompson (7-3).

The unbeaten teams in this year's playoffs include: **Class 1A:** Appalachian (10-0); Hubbertville (10-0); Leroy (10-0); Maplesville (10-0); Wadley (9-0). **Class 2A:** Luverne (10-0); **Class 3A:** Mars Hill Bible (10-0); Piedmont (10-0); Southside-Selma (10-0). **Class 4A:** Anniston (10-0); Hamilton (10-0); Plainview (10-0); St. Michael Catholic (10-0); West Morgan (10-0); **Class 5A:** Fairview (10-0); Northside (10-0); Williamson (10-0); **Class 6A:** Clay-Chalkville (10-0); Muscle Shoals (9-0) Saraland (9-0).

AHSAA 2025 FOOTBALL STATE PLAYOFFS

First-round Pairings

(All games, Nov. 7, 7 p.m., unless denoted)

CLASS 1A - South

Region 4 Q-4: Notasulga (5-3) at **Region 3**

Q-1: University Charter (8-1)

Region 2 Q-3: Georgiana (5-5) at **Region 1**

Q-2: Southern Choctaw (7-3)

Region 3 Q-4: R.C. Hatch (4-6) at **Region 4**

Q-1: Maplesville (10-0)

Region 1 Q-3: McIntosh (7-3) at **Region 2**

Q-2: Brantley (6-4)

Region 1 Q-4: Millry (4-6) at **Region 2 Q-1:** McKenzie (10-0)

Region 3 Q-3: Choctaw County (4-5) at **Region 4**

Q-2: Autauga Academy (6-3)

Region 2 Q-4: Elba (3-7) at **Region 1 Q-1:** Leroy (10-0)

Region 4 Q-3: Billingsley (5-5) at **Region 3**

Q-2: Linden (5-4)

CLASS 2A - South

Region 4 Q-4: Central-Coosa (4-6) at **Region 3**

Q-1: Luverne (10-0)

Region 2 Q-3: G.W. Long (6-4) at **Region 1 Q-2:** JU Blacksher (8-2)

Region 3 Q-4: Zion Chapel (6-4) at **Region 4**

Q-1: Lanett (8-2)

Region 1 Q-3: Washington County (6-4) at **Region 2**

Q-2: Arlton (8-2)

Region 1 Q-4: Chickasaw (4-6) at **Region 2**

Q-1: Cottonwood (6-3-1)

Region 3 Q-3: Highland Home (5-5) at **Region 4**

Q-2: Reeltown (7-3)

Region 2 Q-4: Providence Christian (7-3) at **Region 1**

Q-1: Clarke County (7-3)

Region 4 Q-3: Loachapoka (7-3) at **Region 3**

Q-2: Goshen (6-3)

CLASS 3A - South

Region 4 Q-4: Dadeville (3-7) at **Region 3**

Q-1: Southside-Selma (10-0)

Region 2 Q-3: Wicksburg (7-3) at **Region 1**

Q-2: Cottage Hill Christian (9-1)

Region 3 Q-4: Thomasville (6-4) at **Region 4**

Q-1: Glenwood (8-2)

Region 1 Q-3: T.R. Miller (6-4) at **Region 2 Q-2:** Trinity

Presbyterian (8-2)

Region 1 Q-4: Flomaton (6-4) at **Region 2**

Q-1: Montgomery Academy (9-1)

Region 3 Q-3: Hale County (7-3) at **Region 4 Q-2:** Lee-

Scott (8-2)

Region 2 Q-4: Houston Academy (6-3) at **Region 1**

Q-1: Bayside Academy (9-1)

Region 4 Q-3: Randolph County (8-2) at **Region 3**

Q-2: Thorsby (9-1)

CLASS 4A - South

Region 4 Q-4: Bibb County (7-3) at **Region 3**

Q-1: Handley (9-1)

Region 2 Q-3: Ashford (7-2) at **Region 1 Q-2:** Jackson

(8-2)

Region 3 Q-4: Tallassee (6-4) at **Region 4**

Q-1: American Christian (6-4)

Region 1 Q-3: W.S. Neal (7-3) at **Region 2 Q-2:** Opp

(9-1)

Region 1 Q-4: Mobile Christian (6-3) at **Region 2**

Q-1: Dale County (7-2)

Region 3 Q-3: Bullock County (7-3) at **Region 4**

Q-2: Oak Grove (8-2)

Region 2 Q-4: Pike County (5-4) at **Region 1 Q-1:** St.

Michael Catholic (10-0)

Region 4 Q-3: Pleasant Grove (5-4) at **Region 3**

Q-2: B.T. Washington (7-3)

CLASS 5A - South

Region 4 Q-4: Beauregard (3-7) at **Region 3**

Q-1: Northside (10-0)

Region 2 Q-3: Charles Henderson (5-5) at **Region 1**

Q-2: Vigor (8-2)

Region 3 Q-4: Sipsey Valley (6-4) at **Region 4**

Q-1: Central, Clay County (9-1)

Region 1 Q-3: UMS-Wright (6-4) at **Region 2**

Q-2: Andalusia (7-3)

Region 1 Q-4: Citronelle (5-5) at **Region 2**

Q-1: Montgomery Catholic (6-4)

Region 3 Q-3: Shelby County (6-4) at **Region 4**

Q-2: Valley (6-3)

Region 2 Q-4: Eufaula (6-4) at **Region 1**

Q-1: Williamson (10-0)

Region 4 Q-3: Elmore County (7-3) at **Region 3**

Q-2: Demopolis (6-4)

CLASS 6A - South

Region 4 Q-4: Central-Tuscaloosa (7-3) at **Region 3**

Q-1: Benjamin Russell (9-1)

Region 2 Q-3: Stanhope Elmore (7-3) at **Region 1**

Q-2: Theodore (6-3)

Region 3 Q-4: Pelham (4-6) at **Region 4**

Q-1: Hueytown (5-5)

Region 1 Q-3: Gulf Shores (5-5) at **Region 2**

Q-2: Russell County (9-1)

Region 1 Q-4: McGill-Toolen Catholic (6-4) at **Region**

2 Q-1: Pike Road (8-2)

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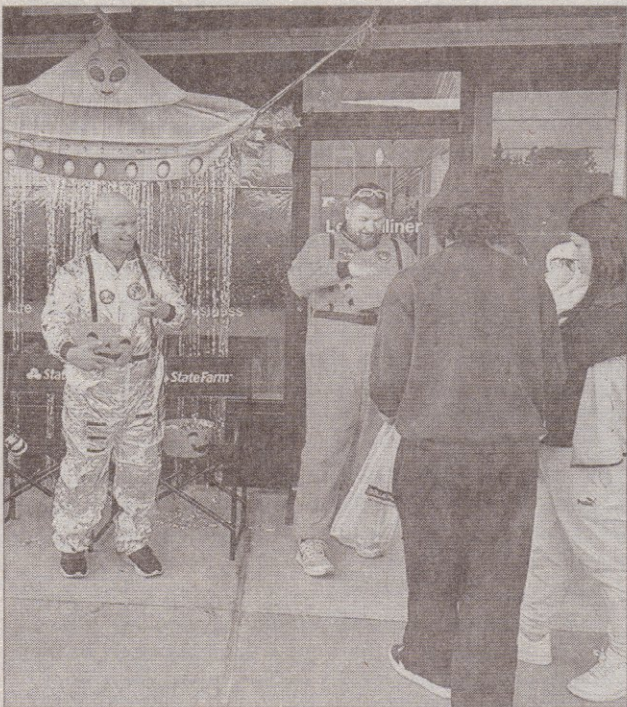
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Scripture: Matthew 7:8
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Marcus Finch, Ida Hooks, Single Parents, Gene Culver, Elba Elementary School Principal Kenya Martin, Tamequest Jones, Harold Williams, Faye Manning

November birthdays
Kira Starks 11/6
Juanita Jackson 11/6
Charlotte Caldwell 11/7
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Kimberly Rideaux 11/7
Gregory S. Kelley 11/12
Rev Roderick Rideaux 11/14
Thomas Brooks 11/16
La'Ray Williams 11/16
Greta Robinson 11/16

the attitude of many sports "heroes" who thought themselves immuned to the requirement of decent conduct. "This is not about football", Carothers said. "This is about character". President Carother's suspension of the team said, in effect, that the team was not worthy to carry the University's name and colors onto the field. When we talk in terms of human worthiness before GOD, we always must conclude, "no one is worthy". Not one of us is worthy to carry the "name and colors" before Him. Sin has made this tragically so. Does this fact make you weep as it did John? -- C.R.B.

What does the Bible say about...
Authority?

Article written by Douglas Williams

"Now, when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave You this authority?'" (Matthew 21:23)

"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth'" (Matthew 28:18).

"But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:8).

"Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son" (2 John 9).

Everyone must surely realize that authority plays a very important role in the lives of all of us. Examples: Before we can drive a car, we must have the authority of a license. A doctor must have a degree from an approved medical school before they can practice. A policeman must have a badge that authorizes him to carry out his duties. To get married, one must have a license. We must have proper authorization in every phase of our lives.

There must be authority in the home, school, government, church, and so forth. Without doubt, we are reaping many problems in our society, because children have not learned authority. This surely must play a part in the moral decline of our society in recent years.

In the realm of religion, we must have proper authority for all that we do, and that authority comes only from the word of God in our Bibles. In our obedience to God in becoming a Christian, in our worship and service, and in the kind of lives that we live, we must do only that which we are authorized to do and nothing else. (2 Peter 1:3).

The possible sources of authority are decisions made by church organizations, man's reasoning powers, or the Bible, which is the inspired word of God. Of the above, everyone must realize that authority always comes from God.

God created all things, and in doing so, He established His ultimate supreme authority (Genesis 1). He gave that authority to Jesus (Matthew 28:18); Jesus gave it to those who wrote our Bible by the guidance of the Holy Spirit; and so we have our only authority, which is given to us in the Bible.

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Questions for the week of 11/20/2025

Answer the questions

(Q) On their first missionary trip, Barnabas and Saul went first to what island?

(Q) On that same trip, the two men preached in and around what two cities of Lycaonia after fleeing Iconium?

Today is a good day! Be grateful

Eria's Daughter Sue

Westside Baptist Church offers Victory Kids Bible Study on Wednesday nights

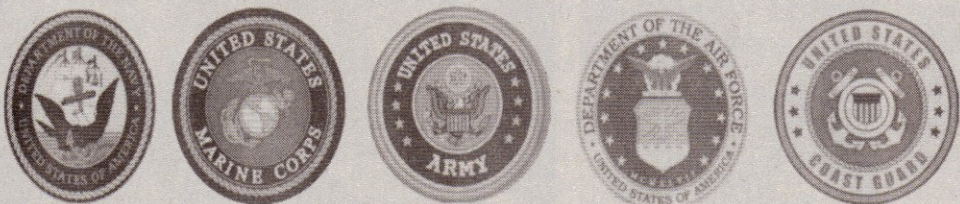
Westside Baptist Church, 1026 Caroline St., Elba, hosts Victory Kids "Wild About Jesus" on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m.

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Alabama National Guard

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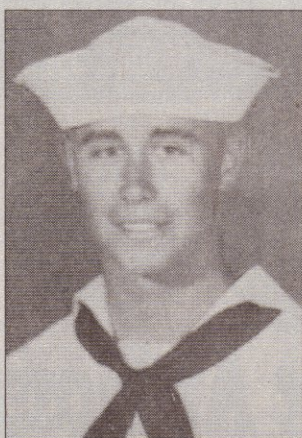
Shelby LaDon Flowers
Army
July 21, 1967 - Feb 23, 1969



SGM (Ret) Edward L Cain
Army
1949 - 1976



William Harry Young
Navy
May 5, 1969 - Feb 2, 1973



Larry R (Bubba) Bruce
Navy
Enlisted May 5, 1969



Robert (Bobby) Edmondson
Navy
May 1969 - Dec 1991



Steven Gibson Mills
Army
Served 23 Years



Sgt. Jason D Jordan
101st - Ft. Campbell, Ky
1999 - July 2003



Peter Hammons
World War I
Great-Grandfather to



Tilma Jones - World War II
Grandfather to
Abdel Bilal



Ahmed Bilal - Korean War
Father to Abdel Bilal



Abdel A. Bilal
Air Force - Desert Shield/
Storm; will retire in 2026
w/ 25 years with DOD
35 years total service



Willie Siler - Army



Marvin Siler - Army



Lesha S.McMurray- Army



Larry P Siler - Army



Jerry McMillian - Marines



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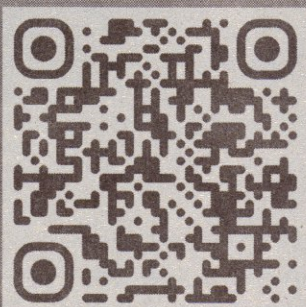
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served in the
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Army in
World War II
1945 - 1948

Derwood Grimes
United States
Army National
Guard
World War II
1945 - 1983



SFC Bryan Grimes
Army National
Guard
Operation Iraqi
Freedom
1975 - 2017



LTC (R) Kyle Eldridge, US ARMY Field Artillery
May 2004-Feb 2022 & **PVT Braden Eldridge,**
US ARMY Armor, Mar 2025 - Present

*We love all of our family's Veterans, but most
especially these two! Endlessly proud of their service,
and forever grateful for their sacrifices!*
~ The Eldridge Family

Lewey Stephens Jr.
served in the U.S. Army
during the Korean War.

When he returned home, he
joined the National Guard

He retired a Lt. Colonel.



**God
Bless
the
USA**

Wesley DeVane
Staff Sgt
Air Force
Served 4 Years

**Thank You for
Your Service!!**



William Love
Staff Sgt
U.S. Army
Served 16 Years

**Thank You for Your
Service!!**

**Thank
You,
Veterans!**

**Basin Baptist
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including our
own!!**



Basin Baptist Church Veterans (from left): Ben Salinero, Army Captain - served 22 years; Ric Holley, Army National Guard (E6) - served 27 years; Mickey Marler, Army National Guard (E5), served 12 years; Johnny Mack, Air Force (E4) - served 4 years; Randle Hodge, Army (E5) - served 2 years in during Vietnam War; Sam Cooper, Navy (E4) - served 4 years; John Robert Smith, Army (E6) - served 23 years

**Thank
You to All
My Fellow
Veterans!**



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to Our Country!**

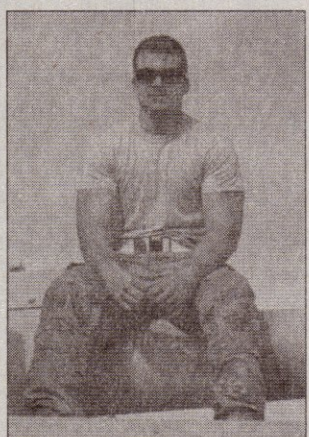
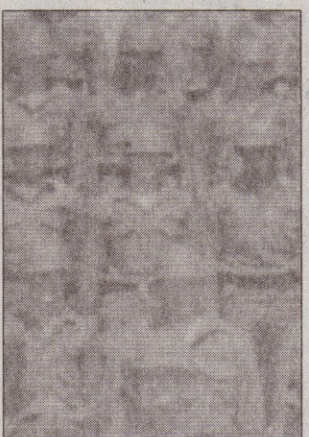
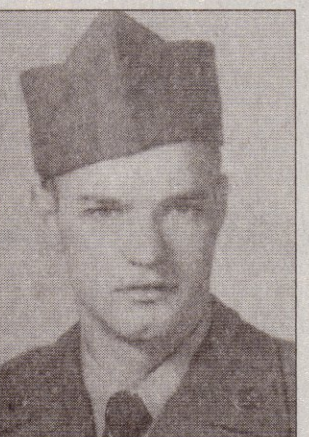


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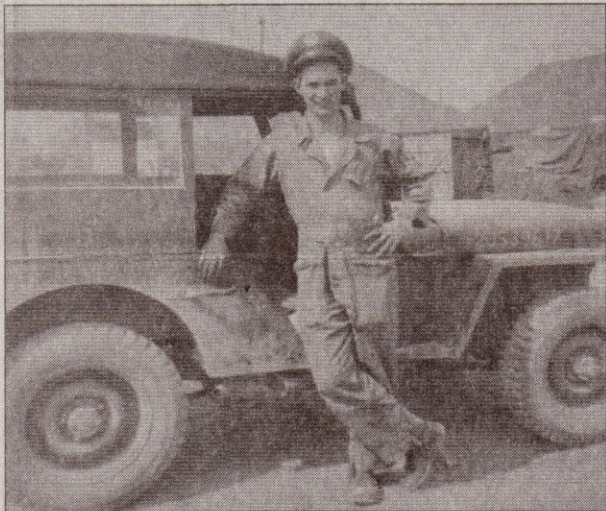
 Jason Millspaugh Marine Corps 1998 - 2008	 Matt Jacobs Army 2007 - 2019	 Johnny McKinney Army Served 2 Years in Germany	 Joe Lassiter Army Korean War / Berlin Crisis	 Harvey Harlon Blair Navy World War II 1943-1945	 David Johnson Army - E4 Vietnam War 1969 - 1970
 Barry Giles Army Served 2 Years	 JC Wright Army World War II - 2 Years	 Milford Johnson Army Korean Conflict	 Jimmy Smith Army	 Tom Hooks Air Force - E4 Served 4 Years	 A R Williams Army - Sgt 1974 - 1980

 William Randle Hodge Army - E5 Served in Vietnam War	 Joe Samuel Cooper Navy Served 4 Years	 Amanuel Magwood National Guard
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Father and Son Veterans

Master Sgt. George Wendell Kelley
Served in Korea for 2 Years and 37 Years in the National Guard

SSG Mark Kelley
Served 25 Years in the National Guard



Sgt. Wilson "Percy" Dyess
US Air Force - Korea

Thank You For Your Service, Daddy!
Love, Tim and Johnny



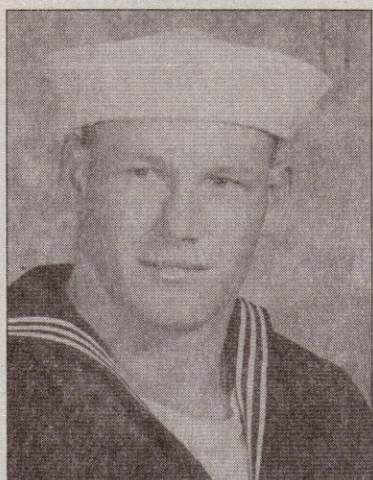
PFC Jack Padgett
U.S. Army
Served during the Korean Conflict

We Thank You for Your Service!
We Love You!
~ Your Family

Thank You for Your Service

William Jerome Ward

Jerome entered active duty in the US Navy in April 1969. His first duty assignment was aboard the destroyer USS Charles R Ware based at Mayport Naval Station in Florida. He served there for two years and during that time was part of a 7-month deployment with the US 6th Fleet. Jerome served his last 2 years at Fleet Intelligence Center, US Naval Forces, Europe located in Jacksonville, Fla. After leaving the Navy, he served in the Alabama National Guard for 25 years.



Joe Williams
US Coast Guard

Thank You for Your Service!
Love, Sandy

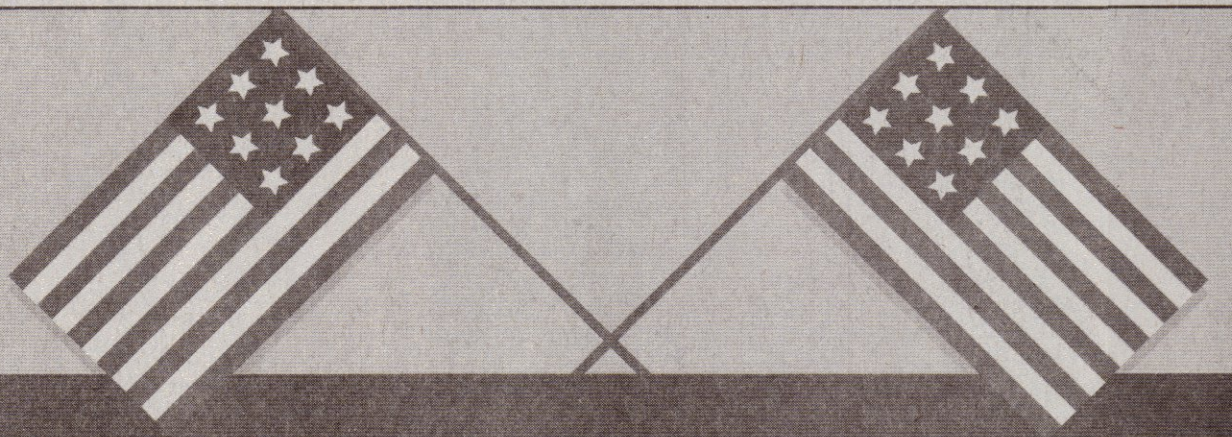


William Thomas Hamilton
Retired with 24 Years service with the Army
Deployed to seven different combat during zones during his service



Sean Luis Tolentino
Currently serving as a Petty Officer 3rd Class, 3 Years of Service
Deployed to SE Asia





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*I'll reply with what I've done.
Those things others would not do, I did;
Those rivers others would not swim, I swam;
Those hills others would not climb, I conquered;
Those bridges others would not cross, I crossed;
I have celebrated, I have mourned,
I have smiled and I have frowned.
I have seen death and felt its warm breath. I did not faze me.
For I was different. I was a warrior.
You ask me what I was? It was my destiny,
Until my last breath,
To be a United States Marine.
And my spirit shall live forever.*

Semper Fidelis

Thank You
for Your
Service,
Dad!

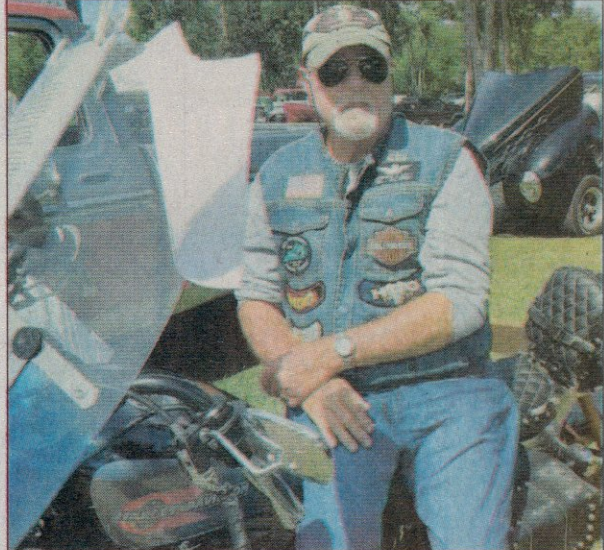
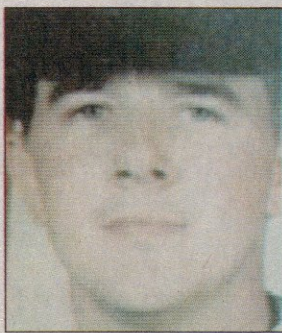
Love Always,
Linda & Latisha



Willard Douglas
Crowe (Dale)

Alabama Army
National Guard

He served with the Atmore
communications unit for
24 years.



R.J. Lott

Thank You for Your Service!
Love, Angela



Jeremy Powell - National Guard

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Love, Your Family

*On this Veteran's Day, I
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brothers for their service.
While not blood, it's even
better, they chose to be my
family. So today I want to say
thank you and so much love
to Kyle, John, Jep and Jerry
DuBose. You boys are the
best today and every day!*
~ Neil



Thank You, Veterans!

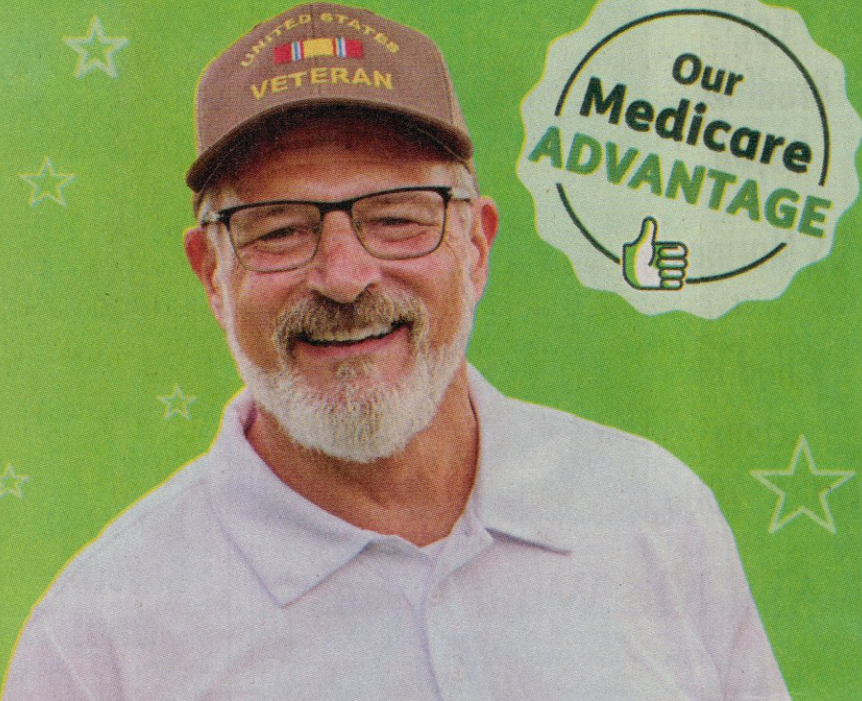


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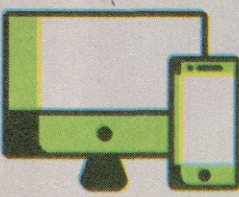
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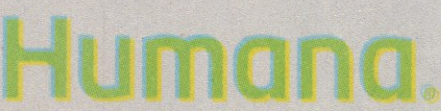
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